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The attachment is an abridged translation of a directive issued by the Sales Department of the Ministry of Chemical Industry 2 July to all its trade organizations.

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Directive of 1 June 1957

Protection of Export Products against Rights of Third Persons

The following directive is issued in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign and All-German Trade:

I

Publicly owned factories are required to take care before beginning production that their products are clear of any rights (claims) of third persons, especially any patent or trademark rights.

II

This applies especially to the protection of products against claims of:

- a. The German Democratic Republic (DDR)
- b. The German Federal Republic
- c. Countries to which products are likely to be exported.

The above limits are set up because it will seldom be possible to protect a product against claims of third persons on a world-wide basis. However, in the matter of trademarks, the factories are required to avail themselves as far as possible of international registration.

III

If a factory has neglected to create and introduce new trademarks for its products, although it was aware that difficulties can arise because of the biased interpretation of the law in West Germany and the capitalist countries in favor of the former capitalist owners of our factories, then the factory has to bear any expenses that result. If the responsible foreign trade organization insists on keeping the old trademark for a product, even though the factory offered a new trademark, then the foreign trade organization has to bear all costs.

IV

In line with the above, the foreign trade organizations are authorized to require a contractual guarantee from the factory delivering a product that its products are delivered free of all claims that third persons could enforce vis-à-vis the trade organization and that the factory guarantees that the patent and trademark rights are clear.

Signed: Adler
State Secretary

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